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Expression and Screening of cDNA Clones

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action dated November 26, 2004, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the invention defined in Group I (Claims 1-24) for the prosecution of this application on the merits, without prejudice to their right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the remaining claims.

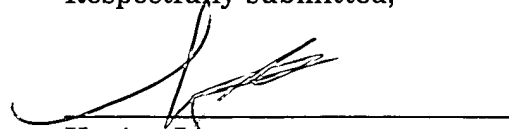
Applicants further note that the product and process claims may and should be rejoined if the product claims are found to be allowable and the method claims incorporate all limitations of the product claims.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #010988.51236US).

Respectfully submitted,

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